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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response for the purpose of filing a Request for Continued Examination for the above-referenced patent application, be extended for additional two (2) months from June 8, 2004 to and including August 9, 2004. Please debit the \$210 extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) or any additional fees due from Deposit Account 07-1185.

I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8 that this Petition and Request for Continued Examination is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to MS RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. return the enclosed postcard acknowledging receipt of this correspondence.

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